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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2005, applicant responds as

follows.

This feature is clearly distinguishable from the prior art of record. Thus, in Polidor et al. '417 and Momot et al. Publication No. 2002/0048170, the substrates or surfaces on which the LEDs are mounted do not define a fixed hollow volume, as required by claims 1 and 12, but, instead, are flat sheets or panels. As such, these mounting surfaces do not define a focal point or, if they do, such focal point is at infinity.

In Arnold '223, which has been previously discussed, the hollow volume is substantially circular or spherical in shape, and all the LEDs are mounted such that their optical axes are normal or perpendicular to the spherical surface. Accordingly, the LEDs are not skewed to the mounting surface such that a beam is directed generally along the longitudinal axis beyond the focal point.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of records now clearly and patentably distinguish over the applied art. Early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

Applicant hereby petitions that any and all extensions of time of the term necessary to render this response timely be granted. Costs for such extensions and any other fees that may be due with this paper that are not fully covered by an enclosed check may be charged to our account no. 10-0100.

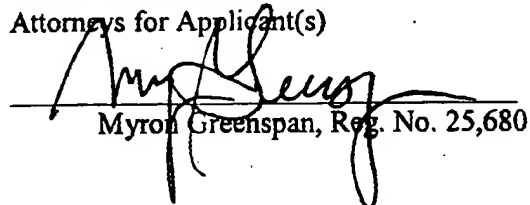
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